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Fighting in South Vietnam increased somewhat over the weekend. Principal activity was in the delta, where a regimental-sized government force attacked a Communist base about 50 miles southwest of Saigon. Nearly 100 Communists were reported killed and a substantial amount of munitions captured. Tay Ninh Province of MR 3, the Communists are shelling the Ton Le Cham Ranger camp with greater frequency, but it is unlikely that they are preparing for a major attack against the camp in the near future. In the central highlands, the Communists

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staged a mortar attack southwest of Pleiku city, and several minor incidents have been reported in that area. Losses to the government were light.